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single person with disabilities to try to make it on. So I'd appreciate your support.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Lynch amendment to LB 594. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Senator Engel has the next amendment, AM1110, Mr. President. (See page 1328 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Engel, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This amendment, AM1110, to LB 594 provides a certificate of need exemption for Indian tribes. The amendment was previously introduced this year as LB 616 and it was advanced 6-0 by the Health and Human Services Committee. The need for this bill was brought to me last fall by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, who are currently developing a senior complex for the elderly on their reservation. Daryl LaPointe, Chairman of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and Del Free, Director of the Winnebago Health Department, testified to the need for this bill at the hearing before the Health Committee. This amendment provides that a certificate of need is not required for a project of a federally recognized Indian tribe to be located on tribal lands within Nebraska when the tribe's governing body has determined that the cultural needs of the tribe's members cannot be met by existing facilities. The tribe's governing body must approve the project, however. I would ask that you adopt the amendment to LB 594 and would be glad to answer any questions you may have. I would like to add that there is no fiscal impact to this.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Engel amendment. Senator Engel, you're recognized to close.